

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace paragraph [0043] with the following amended paragraph:

[0043] FIG. 6A is a perspective view of a core portion, where an inclined incision in said core portion appears particularly clearly, and FIG. 6B is a perspective view of the core portion showing a Z-shaped incision.

Please replace paragraph [0056] with the following amended paragraph:

[0056] As shown in FIG. 6A, the incision 10 can form an angle  $\alpha$  of 40 to ~~65-degree., such~~  
as 65 degrees and more particularly, 45 to 55-degree. 55 degrees, with the longitudinal axis A of the seed tape.

Please replace paragraph [0057] with the following amended paragraph:

[0057] As shown in FIG. 2 6B, the incision 10 can be substantially Z-shaped.